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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A Republican State Convention will be held at the Capital, Monday evening, Feb. 2nd, at 12 o'clock M., to choose four delegates from each county, and 12 from Milwaukee, to represent the State of Wisconsin in the Republican National Convention to be convened in the city of Chicago, on the 16th and 17th inst. The convention would respectfully suggest that any delegate to the State Convention be as much as possible a candidate for presidential elector for the State at large.

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SLUG IN PARIS—NOVELTY.—A Paris correspondent of the N. Y. *Express* alludes as below to what it seems is a novelty in that city. What would the John Crayons of Paris say to the "turn outs" to be seen in our city on all entailed occasions? "—Says the Paris writer:—"The thing will scarcely be credited by a large number of your readers who have spent a winter in Paris, but, upon the faith of a correspondent and truthful correspondent, I actually saw no less than two under takings at sleighing, Sunday afternoon, in the midst of mystery-making in the Bole de Boulogne! One of these scenes of innovation was in the shape of a "couett," drawn by one horse, and exhibited in some Northern barbarian, seated on the floor of the vehicle, and wrapped in furs from head to foot, whilst a shivering Jeth sat up behind his master, on a high perch, and guided the horse by means of a pair of red reins. But the Northern barbarian and his coach, and his shivering driver, put a very sorry figure, indeed, beside the two-horse American sledge, whirled along by a pair of spanking horses, full of Kinnickinnick blood, and seeming to glory in the astonishment of the Parisians, who displayed more eagerness to catch a glimpse of the show, than when the Emperor himself came riding around the frozen lake to look at the sport in which I am sure he would have been glad to have joined."

Specimen of a New Political Gatholism. —"One Good Turn Deserves Another,"—The Madison Journal of Monday says: Larabee, the Democratic Member of Congress from the 23rd District, South, proclaims from the pulpit that "Know-Nothing is Friday for Speaker."

Well, why not? According to the N. Y. *Express*, the chief organ of Know-Nothingism in the United States, LARABEE received the support of all the Know-Nothings in the Third District. Common gratitude demanded that he should avail himself of the first opportunity to return the favor, and he did so by voting for the Know-Nothing candidate for Speaker.

FIRE INSURANCE.—Of the fifty-five insurance companies in New York city, whose dividends are usually declared in January and July, forty-four have already declared their dividends, and ten have not yet made them known. The majority range from 10 to 15 per cent. semi-annually. The aggregate dividends of the fifty-four already published this month, amount to \$707,200.

In an elaborate review of the Fire Insurance companies, published in the *Insurance Monitor*, for the present month, showing the rate of dividend of each company for eight years, we find that one company (Bowers) has divided 165 per cent.; another (the City) 236 per cent.; the Clinton, 110; Commercial, 114; Brooklyn, 123; the Equitable, 221 per cent.; Eagle, 135; Firemen's, 202 per cent.; Howard, 215 per cent.; Johnson, 181; Knickerbocker, 149; Long Island, 102; Merchants, 131; Manhattan, 176; New York, 180; Nassau, 122; North River, 141; Virginia, 147; National, 180; North America, 126; Pacific, 116; North America, 138; Washington, 130; Union, 106.

The Hartford companies still keep their stocks up to a high premium. The Hartford sells at 105 advances; the Eliza (new stock) 100 advance; Phoenix, 50 advance; City, and Connecticut, each 25 advance.

SMALL POX.—Our exchanges from all sections of the country bring us accounts of the ravages of that loathsome disease, small pox. In Massachusetts there are many cases; hard by a town is free from the infection. The disease still continues to increase in the vicinity of Boston. In Newton a large number had contracted the disorder. In Waterbury, many were suffering from either small pox or variola. In Needham there are a number sick. Auburn, N. Y., has also been visited with the disease in its most virulent form. Accounts from Mason, Ga., state that there have been many cases in the vicinity of that town.

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IMPRESSEMENT OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.—Mr. Joseph SCHWEIGER, a wealthy merchant of Cincinnati, who is now traveling in Europe, has been arrested in the city of Bologna, in the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg, upon the claim that he, though an American citizen, owned that Duchy a military service five years ago, when but eight years of age. He has applied for protection to Mr. WRIGHT, our Minister at the Court of Berlin.

ANOTHER RICHMOND IN THE FIELD.

The Democracy Dispersed.

The *Tomah Chief*, a very zealous Democratic organ, published in Monroe County, Wisconsin, in its issue of January 28th, formally nominates HORATIO SAVAGE, of New York, as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency, and gives divers and sundry reasons why he is the most available man at the disposal of our K. N. Democratic friends.—

"The *Chief*, having earnestly advocated the claims and merits of its favorite, proceeds to discuss those of other talk'd-of candidates, and closes its article with the following graphic sketch of the leaders of the antagonistic

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